GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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SC ORDERS ON NOISE POLLUTION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has directed the Union Government to file a copy of the order banning the use of loudspeaker and high volume systems;

(b) if so, whether the Government have acted upon the directions of the Supreme Court;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to check other sources of noise pollution in Delhi and other metropolitan cities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a),(b)&(c) No, Sir. However, a notification has been issued on 14th February, 2000 for regulation and control of noise producing and generating sources.

(d) The steps taken by the Government to check noise pollution in Delhi and other metropolitan cities include the following:-

(i) Noise pollution has been included in the amended Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1987.Ambient standards in respect of noise for different categories of areas (residential, commercial, industrial and silence zones) have been notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

(ii) Noise limits have also been prescribed for automobiles, domestic appliances and construction equipment at the manufacturing stage.

(iii) Standards and guidelines for control of noise pollution from stationary diesel generator sets have been evolved and notified in January, 1999.

(iv) A notification has also been issued to specify the standards for fire crackers in October, 1999.

(v) A Code of practice has been evolved by the Central Pollution Control Board for control of noise and is being used as guidelines to control noise pollution.